

Liberty, Va.  
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collected two specimens of it -  
near Washington last year -

Yours truly  
A. H. Curtis

P.S. - I am glad you think favorably  
of my Catalogue. - I should think  
it would be useful to botanical  
classes - Students can obtain from  
it, at a coup d'oeil, a very good  
idea of the sequence of & relative  
value of orders & genera, the relation-  
ship of our flora to that of  
Europe & can readily compare the  
floras of the three most dissimilar  
sections - I presume I shall adver-  
tise it in the Naturalist; but its adver-  
tising cols. are so crowded with  
extraneous matter that they are  
almost worthless. A.H.C.

A. Gray:

Dear Sir - I rec'd  
your letter of the 19 inst.  
last night & am glad to  
find that I can obtain the  
African flgs so cheaply at  
lib in fact, than my Western  
flgs cost. Please send it  
at once, & thereby add to my  
indebtedness. The Australian plants  
you sent through Dr. Torrey I find  
very satisfactory, more so than  
another set sent me by a Euro-  
pean correspondent -

As there is no communication  
between the regular express Co.  
& the S. Va. R.R., I would request  
you to consign the flgs. first to  
the agent of the "Va. & Tenn. Air  
Line Fast Freight" at 303 Broadway, N.Y.

in, as of the charges to N. York,  
informing me of their amount,  
which I will remit with the  
\$1.<sup>00</sup> ocean freight.

I will make up a good pkge. for  
Macowan in the Fall, & could do  
so to better advantage perhaps  
if you would inform me to  
what States his other pkgs were  
or are to be sent.

As soon as I have examined  
the pkge. I will write to the  
sender, whose address I understood  
to be: "Dr. Peter Macowan,  
Gill College, Somerset East, S. Africa."  
To save you trouble I will send  
through the Smithsonian, unless  
you can send it more direct.

I will try to get a good lot of  
roots in the Fall, but in the line  
of seeds I cannot do much.

*Arabis Canadensis* is quite rare;

when you wrote about *Viola*  
*virginica*, it was one of *frut.*  
*Crossosmodium* I have examined.  
*Carex stenolepis* I can get if it  
go to the Peaks soon, as I intend  
to. At the same time I could  
get *Podostemon*, but how can I  
send it? I can also get the two  
*Adiantum* & the *Amianticum*, & pre-  
sume they will go safely by  
mail. Will it be worth while to  
send roots of *Cornwallia*.  
I now collect *Polypodium incisum*  
which I have before failed to  
distinguish from <sup>small growths of</sup> *P. vulgare*,  
they are so extremely similar  
in aspect, that I presume the  
former is commoner than is  
generally supposed.

I have never found *Polygala*  
*verticillata* since leaving Alexandria,  
but Dr. Vasey writes that he